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Decision Granting Petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) that was filed on May 13, 2004, express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized and the application has been withdrawn from publication.

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